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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

D1: AKISADA WATANABE, Studying hardware & software from the foundation to implementation (making original USB adapter), Transistor gijutu, CQ SHUPPAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA, 2000.06.01, 37th volume No.6, P.180-189

D2:JP 2003-256170 A (SEIKO-EPSON KABUSHIKI KAISHA) 2003.09.10, paragraph[0048]-[0049], FIG 4

D3:JP 2003-337784 A (NIHON VICTOR KABUSIKI KAISHA) 2003.11.28, paragraph[0018]-[0023], FIG 2

The subject matter of claims 1-18 does not appear to be novel with respect to D1, D2 and D3. D1 and D2 disclose that USB device issues a request to USB host with Interrupt-mode of USB transmission protocol(see [D1,page 183, TABLE 2],[D2, paragraph[0048]-[0049],FIG 4]). The technical feature [image processing apparatus, communication terminal, information processing apparatus] is not disclosed in D1 and D2. However, said feature is well-known in wireless-LAN technical fields. Therefore, applying the well-known technical feature to said USB device and USB host disclosed in D1 and D2 is matter of design variation. D3 also discloses the similar technical feature except Interrupt-mode of USB transmission protocol. However, the term Interrupt-mode is not used in claims 1-18. Therefore, there is not an obvious difference between the technical feature disclosed in D3 and the subject matter of claims 1-18.